GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of works under NREGS Scheme taken up in plain areas of Visakhapatnam District – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri K.N.S.Umamaheswara Rao, the then MEO, MPP, Amalapuram under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Orders - Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT(VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 682 **Dated: 11-07-2016**
Read the following:

1. DG, GA (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.32 (C.No.685/V&E/E2/2013), Dt.27.11.2014.

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ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri K.N.S.Umamaheswara Rao, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Amalapuram, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri K.N.S.Umamaheswara Rao, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Amalapuram, is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri K.N.S.Umamaheswara Rao, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Amalapuram, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri K.N.S.Umamaheswara Rao, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Amalapuram, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

6. Attention of Sri K.N.S.Umamaheswara Rao, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Amalapuram, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed Sri K.N.S.Umamaheswara Rao, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Amalapuram, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

To
Sri K.N.S.Umamaheswara Rao, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Amalapuram, **through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad (with a request to serve the charges to the individual and furnish a served copy to Government).
SF/SC.

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Annexure – I

Statement showing the article of charges framed against Sri K.N.S.Uma Maheswara Rao, Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Amalapuram

Charge-1

That Sri K.N.S.Uma Maheswara Rao, Mandal Engineering Officer has involved in allegations of irregularities in execution of the work Road from BN road to Gudilova by recording substandard work without conducting any quality checks and forwarded fabricated musters and bills for payment causing loss to the Government funds to a tune of Rs.8,87,810/-.

By his above mentioned act, Sri K.N.S.Umamaheswara Rao, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Amalapuram failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

Statement of imputations of misconduct in support of Article of Charges framed against Sri K.N.S.Uma Maheswara Rao, Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Amalapuram.

The Vigilance & Enforcement Department vide their report No.32(C.No.685/V&E/E2/2013), dt.27-11-2014 has verified the works taken up under MGNREGS in plain areas of Visakhapatnam District from 26-11-2013 to 04-12-2013 and made the following observations for the following works:

Work No.2: Road from BN road to Gudilova temple road

The work was technically sanctioned vide DR No.84/11-12, dt.20-01-2012 for Rs.15.00 lakhs of EE, PRI, Visakhapatnam under MGNREGS grant.

Findings of the V&E

i. The way of maintenance of muster rolls done by the field staff clearly shows that they are false and fabricated.

ii. Without conducting the laboratory tests and taking the test results for the materials, allowing for compaction of the earthen formation & GSB layers is not correct.

iii. The test reports revealed that the PI value of granular sub base sample at Km 1/063 is 17% against the specified value of below 6% indicates the non-conformity of gradation of the granular sub base. This is the result of having not mixed sand with the Gravel material during the execution. As such the reported recording of sand collection by the field staff is far from the truth. As The GSB layer in 2nd km is liable for rejection and an amount Rs.4,62,177/- is proposed as recovery.

iv. The oversize in metal on 63 mm sieve observed in 2nd km is found to be 31.49% which is beyond the tolerance limit of 80% and is liable for rejection. An amount of Rs.4,25,633/- is proposed as recovery.

v. Negligence in recording the relevant certificates for light jungle clearance and thandoo's removal in the work M.Books clearly reflected the lethargic attitude and the work style of the field officers. The recording of similar measurements for light jungle and high berm cutting for the entire 2.00 km length of road is not feasible and practicable.

vi. Less recovery of Seigniorage fee of Rs.17,834/- is to be recovered from the work.

Recovery proposed

Name & Designation	Name of the work	Item proposed for recovery	Recovery Amount (Rs.)
K.N.S. Uma Maheswara Rao	Road from BN road to Gudilova	Rejection of GSB for high plasticity index value	4,62,117
		Rejection of WBM grade II layer	4,25,633
		Total	**8,87,750**

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The individual has deviated the office procedure for his personal gain and allowed the following in violation of APCS rules.

i. Recorded substandard quality of items without conducting any quality checks causing revenue loss of Rs.8,87,750/- to the Government exchequer.

ii. Forwarded fabricated muster & bills for payment

iii. Allowed contractors in execution of NREGS works

By his above mentioned act, Sri K.N.S.Umamaheswara Rao, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Amalapuram failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – III

List of documents by which the articles of charges framed against Sri K.N.S.Uma Maheswara Rao, Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Amalapuram are proposed to be sustained.

1. Vigilance Report No.32 (C.No.685/V&E/E2/2013), dt.27-11-2014 of Vigilance & Enforcement Department.

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ANNEXURE – IV

List of witnesses by whom the articles of charges framed against Sri K.N.S.Uma Maheswara Rao, Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Amalapuram are proposed to be sustained.

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